

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 813

By Clabough

A RESOLUTION to recognize Miss Emma Taylor, 2000
Salutatorian of Gatlinburg-Pittman High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those persons who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Emma Taylor is one such exceptional student who recently was named salutatorian of the 2000 graduating class at Gatlinburg-Pittman High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and unyielding commitment of time and talent, Emma has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students of Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Miss Taylor has earned an exemplary 3.98 grade point average, and was named to the National Beta Club Honor Society in each of her four high school years; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her commitment to academic excellence, Miss Taylor utilized her knowledge and leadership skills in numerous positions, including as President of the Junior Classical League Latin Club, President of the Chorus Club, Committee Chairperson of the

Interact Club, a nominee for the Presidential Leadership Award, and a nominee for the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminar; and

WHEREAS, a stellar athlete, Emma is a valued member and captain of the cross country and track and field teams; and

WHEREAS, she shares her vast musical talent as a member of the high school band as well as the school's chorus; and

WHEREAS, a civic-minded individual, Emma has dedicated countless hours of her time to such worthy projects as the Chili Cook-off to benefit Pi Beta Phi Elementary School, where she also served with probity as a tutor, the Rotary Club to benefit underprivileged children, and the Halloween Carnival for the Gatlinburg Community Center; and

WHEREAS, Miss Taylor has received numerous honors and accolades for her academic achievements, including awards in Honors Algebra II, Latin I, Wellness, Honors Biology I, Chemistry I, Unified Honors Geometry, Honors English, Honors Biology, AP U.S. History, Software Tools, Trigonometry and Advanced Mathematics, and Modern History; she also received high honors on the National Latin Exam; and

WHEREAS, Emma still finds time in her demanding schedule to supplement her studies with work experience; she has been a valued employee at Dollywood Theme Park since 1997 and is presently an On the Job Trainer; and

WHEREAS, Miss Taylor's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Emma's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Bill and Barbara Taylor, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Emma Taylor's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2000 Gatlinburg-Pittman High School

Salutarian, Emma Taylor, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.